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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0041

SUBJ: CZECH TRADE DELEGATION

REF: TRIPOLI 0017

1. CZECH TRADE DELEGATION, WHOSE VISIT TO LIBYA REPORTED REFTEL, DEPARTED TRIPOLI EVENING JANUARY 7. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON EVE OF DEPARTURE WAS TYPICALLY WINDY, RHETORICAL EXERCISE, TYPIFIED BY AGREEMENT REPORTED IN PRESS "TO PREPARE DRAFT COOPERATION AGREEMENTS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND TO SET DOWN PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND TO INCREASE THE TRADE VOLUME IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES." FOR TEXT SEE FBIS MO 62324.

2. ONLY SIGNIFICANT ITEM IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS NOTE THAT TWO DELEGATIONS DISCUSSED IMPORTATION OF LIBYAN OIL BY CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

COMMENT: LIBYANS CONTINUE TO SEEK OUTLET FOR CRUDE PRODUCTION FROM NATIONALIZED BP CONCESSION.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BENGHAZI 0017

SUBJECT: NATIONALIZATION OF BP

1. ARAB GULF (FORMER BP) HAS STILL NOT RESPONDED TO PROPOSED AGREEMENT WHICH NELSON BUNKER HUNT TABLED AT CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS (TRIPOLI 13)MINERUPING# THIS LIMBO PERIOD, RELATIONS BETWEEN ARAB GULF AND HUNT PERSONNEL ARE BEGINNING TO COOL. BELIEVES THAT THERE IS INTERNAL POWER STRUGGLE TAKING PLACE AMONG ARAB GULF BOARD MEMBERS AND NATIONAL OIL COMPANY OFFICIALS. IN ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT, VARIOUS FACTIONS ARE AFRAID OF APPEARING "TOO COOPERATIVE" WITH HUNT PERSONNEL. LATTER CONTINUE TO MAKE VIRTUALLY ALL PRODUCTION AND MAINTENANCE DECISIONS BUT NO LONGER ENJOY GRATEFUL SUPPORT OF LIBYANS.

2. MARKETING OUTLOOK FOR ARAB GULF CONTINUES BLEAK. A THIRD SINCAT LIFTING WAS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 5-10 BUT TANKER FAILED APPEAR. IT SEEMS THAT BP LEGAL ACTION AGAINST SECOND SINCAT LIFTING (ROME 54) HAS HAD PRACTICAL EFFECT WHICH BP DESIRED, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY. WITH EXCEPTION OF ONE TANKER TO BALKANS REPORTED EARLIER, THERE HAVE TO OUR KNOWLEGE BEEN NO ADDITIONAL LIFTINGS BY ARAB GULF. ENCOURAGING STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO CZECH TRADE DELEGATION (TRIPOLI 41 NOTAL), HAVE NOT LIFTED SPIRITS OF LIBYANS HERE.

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